



**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Faul, J.L., Nishimura, T., Kao,
P.N., and Pearl, R.G.

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE
ACTION MAILED 09/27/2006

CASE:

S03-013/US

SERIAL NO.:

10/820,169

FILED ON:

04/06/2004

FOR:

Implantable Arterio-Venous Shunt
Device

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXAMINER: DEAK, L.R.

ART UNIT: 3761

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 27th September 2006. Applicant hereby request the Commissioner a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action thereby allowing Applicants until 27th March 2007 to respond.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Bell & Associates' Deposit Account No. 50-3194 in the sum of \$510, being the small entity fee for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. R. Kaser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dated: March 27th, 2007

Matthew R. Kaser

(Reg. No. 44,817)

One of Agents for Applicant